

REMARKS

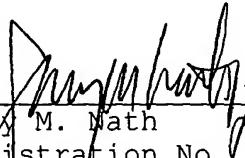
The claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter and remove multiple dependencies. The amendments and the newly added claims do not add any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Original) Mineral wool product with a fibre alignment which is reoriented in relation to the depositing of the fibres on the production belt, in which mineral wool product the mineral fibres are arranged in a wavy manner on the large faces and/or in sections parallel to the large faces.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) Composite mineral wool product comprising at least one insulating layer and at least one covering layer composed of upset mineral fibres, the said covering layer being provided with binder and being connected to the insulating layer by means of the binder during the curing of the binder, with pressure being applied at the same time,  
characterized  
in that the covering layer ~~consists~~

of comprises a mineral wool product according to Claim 3 and is produced by the method according to ~~Claim 1.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) Composite mineral wool product comprising at least one insulating layer and at least one inner layer composed of upset mineral fibres, the said inner layer being provided with binder and being connected to the insulating layer by means of the binder during the curing of the binder, with pressure being applied at the same time, characterized in that the inner layer ~~consists~~ of comprises a mineral wool product according to Claim 3 and is produced by the method according to ~~Claim 1.~~

Claim 6 (Currently amended) ~~Use of a~~ The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 or ~~of a~~

~~mineral wool product produced according to Claim 1 as wherein said mineral wool product is a plaster base layer of a plaster base board.~~

- Claim 7 (Currently amended) ~~Use of a~~ The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 ~~or of a~~ mineral wool product produced according to Claim 1 as wherein said mineral wool product is a covering layer or hard skin of a ceiling board.
- Claim 8 (Currently amended) ~~Use of a~~ The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 ~~or of a~~ mineral wool product produced according to Claim 1 as wherein said mineral wool product is a covering layer or hard skin of a facade board.
- Claim 9 (Currently amended) ~~Use of a~~ The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 ~~or of a~~

~~mineral wool product produced according to Claim 1 as wherein said mineral wool product is a covering layer or hard skin of a roof-insulating board.~~

Claim 10 (Currently amended) ~~Use of a~~ The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 ~~or of a~~ mineral wool product produced according to Claim 1 as wherein said mineral wool product is a covering layer or hard skin of a gripping felt.

Claim 11 (Currently amended) ~~Use of a~~ The composite mineral wool product according to Claim 5 as a gripping felt or as a ceiling board.

Claim 12 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 wherein said mineral wool product produced is a plaster base layer of a plaster base board.

Claim 13 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3

wherein said mineral wool product produced is a covering layer or hard skin of a ceiling board.

Claim 14 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 wherein said mineral wool product produced is a covering layer or hard skin of a facade board.

Claim 15 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 wherein said mineral wool product produced is a covering layer or hard skin of a roof-insulating board.

Claim 16 (New) The mineral wool product according to Claim 3 wherein said mineral wool product produced is a covering layer or hard skin of a gripping felt.